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Tellos is a magikal patchwork world made up of a myriad of different realms, populated by Creatures of Myth and Legend, a Fantastic Land filled with Adventure around every corner... and Danger at every turn! Now, as the Dread Malesur's Power grows he is confronted by Oge K'Tion, the Warrior of the Light! But, having not found "The Other", and his best friend dead, Jarek doesn't have the Strength to win out over the Darkness...

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HIN--

the festering and fetid netherworld of Tellos--

--where last we saw our heroes--Serra, Hawke, and Rikk--hopelessly outnumbered by an ever-increasing swarm of Shadowjumpers--

--and desperately trying to get the mystikal amulet to their recently-abducted partner, Jarek!

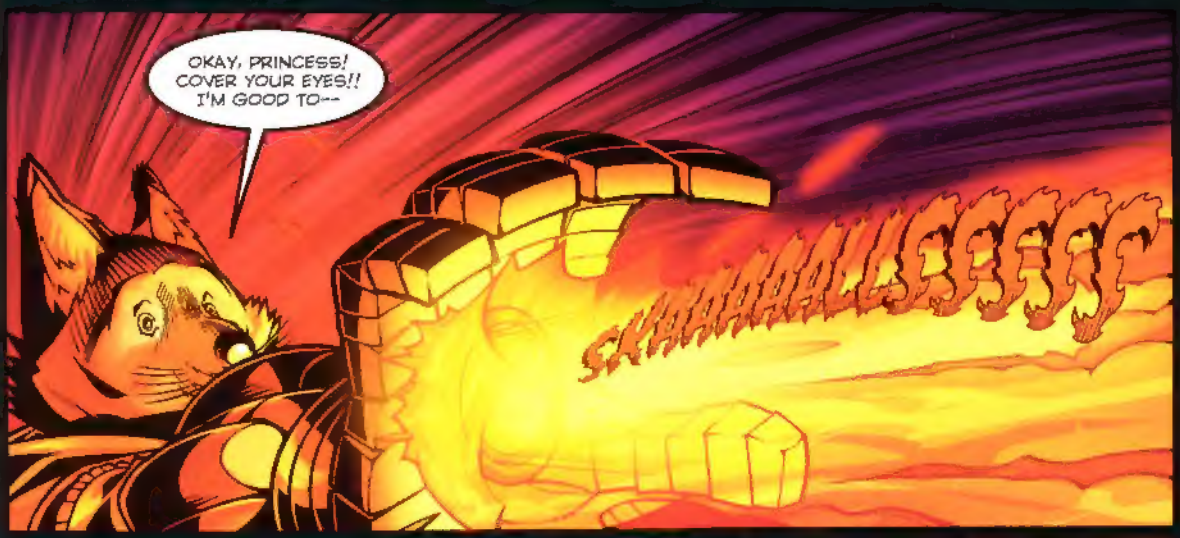
SWEETIE!! YA GOTTA **TRUST ME!** I CAN **GET** IT TO HIM...!

NO, HAWKE!! I MEAN-

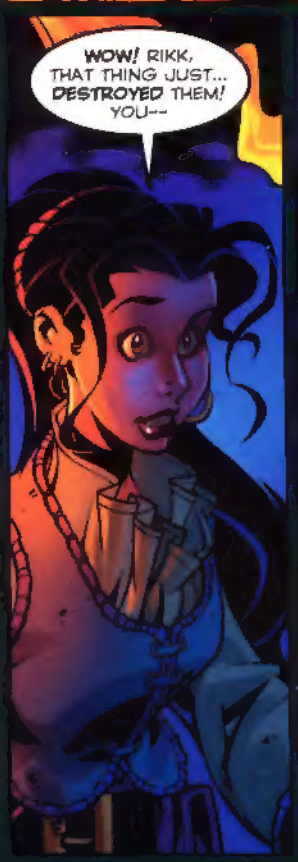
--I *DO* TRUST YOU...BUT...BUT HOW COULD YOU GET **UP** THERE?! MALESUR HAS ALREADY--

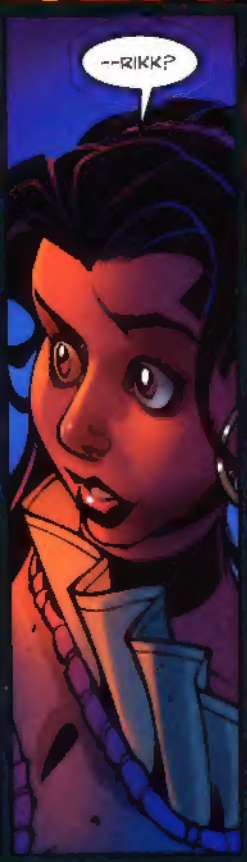
W-WINGS?
HAWKE, YOU HAVE...
...WINGS?!
THAT...THAT'S YOUR SECRET...? THAT YOU COULDN'T TELL ME?
PART--PART OF IT...BUT, SER, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!
JAREK NEEDS US! IF YOU TWO WILL BE OKAY HERE, I CAN--
WE'RE GOOD HERE, BUDDY. GO!
I GOT AN IDEA...
TAKE IT! GO! WE'LL BE FINE! HAWKE, THIS IS--
I KNOW. I CAN FEEL IT TOO...RIKK, WATCH HER BACK!
FUNNY YOU SHOULD PHRASE IT LIKE THAT...

YOU STUPID THIEF--I LOVE YOU SO...
YOU GET BACK HERE FAST.
FASTER THAN YOU'D GUESS. WHAT IS IT THOSE TWO SAY...
...BY THY SIDE.
FWOOOSH
by thy side.
GET IT TO HIM IN TIME, HAWKE--
--ELSE WE'LL ALL BE VERY DEAD...VERY SOON!
KTANG
YO! SLIMEBALL! COULD USE A LITTLE HELP HERE!
JUST ANOTHER SECOND TO FIGURE THIS THING OUT...


OKAY, PRINCESS! COVER YOUR EYES!! I'M GOOD TO--
SKHHHHALLSSSSSF

BOOOOM!
AAAAARGH!
AIIEEEEE!

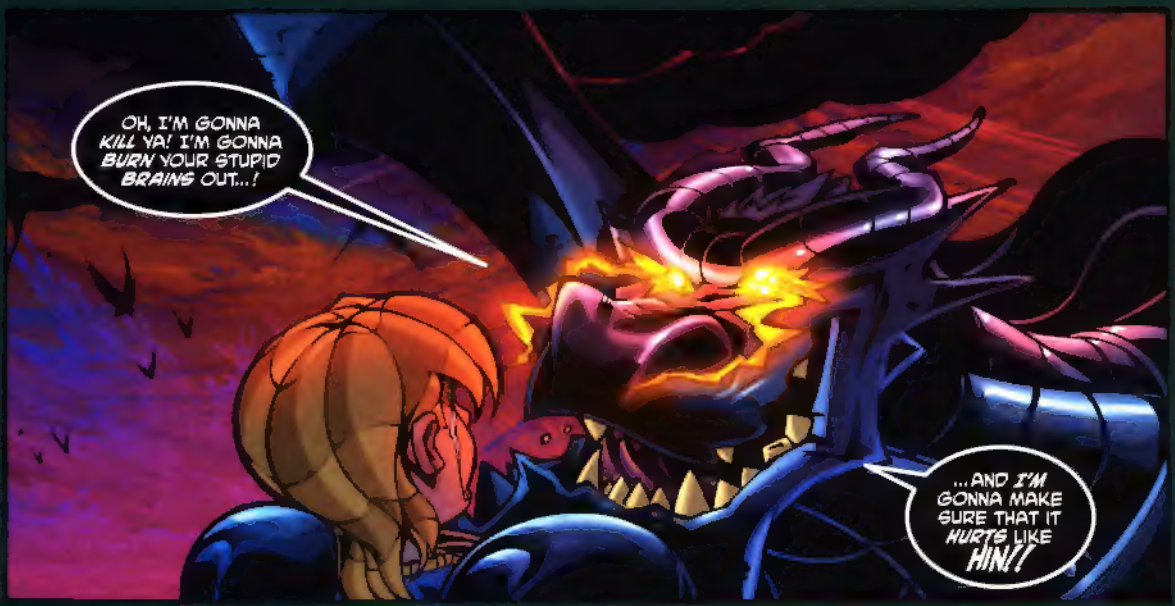

WOW! RIKK, THAT THING JUST... DESTROYED THEM! YOU--


--RIKK?

BIT OF A KICK.

WELL, YOU'D BETTER GET THAT THING READY AGAIN--
--'CAUSE WE ARE IN SOME SERIOUS--

Meanwhile--
Above--
--where the darkling adolescent, Malesur, has removed himself and his two hated hinders to a steadily rising divot of Hin!
or rather, one.
Moments ago, Malesur pierced the heart of the man-tiger, Koj, with a fatal bolt of dark magiks.
IT'S OVER, YA LITTLE SNOT! YOU'RE DONE! I'VE WON!
YOU'RE MY TICKET OUTTA HERE!!
AN' YOU NEVER EVEN BEGAN TO FIGURE IT OUT, DIDJA...?
NEVER PUT IT ALL TOGETHER...
AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE! THIS IS THE END! YOU'RE DEAD!
GO AHEAD AND KILL ME THEN!
WITHOUT KOJ, I DON'T CARE! WITHOUT SERRA, I--


OH, I'M GONNA KILL YA! I'M GONNA BURN YOUR STUPID BRAINS OUT...!
...AND I'M GONNA MAKE SURE THAT IT HURTS LIKE HIN!!

I WAS ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME THING--
HAWKE...?!

HERE'S THE AMULET, JAREK--

--NOW KICK HIS ASS!
SKANG
OOT!
HAWKE! DON'T! HE'S TOO--

YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?
AN ULF WITH WINGS?...AND A SWORD?

SHRRAKK!!
...HOW LAME IS THAT?!?

UNNNNHH!
KOW!
HAWKE!!

NO!
GODS...!

I THINK THAT'S ALL THE FRIENDS YOU GOT, SNOT.
YOUR TURN.

NO WAY, YOU SLIMEBOAT!!
YOU PAY NOW... FOR KOJ! AND SERRA! AND HAWKE! AND ALL OF IT!!!
RRROOOOSS!!!

I AM OGE K'TION! D'JINN OF THE AMULET! WARRIOR OF THE LIGHT!!
OH, YOU CAN TRY, PUNK--BUT IT'S MUCH TOO LITTLE--
I HAVE TRAINED EONS TO DO BATTLE WITH THE DARKNESS! YOU WILL FALL BEFORE ME!
--AND MUCH TOO LATE!
OH, JEEZ-- GIMME A BREAK--
--YOU DON'T HAVE A CLUE EITHER, DO YA?

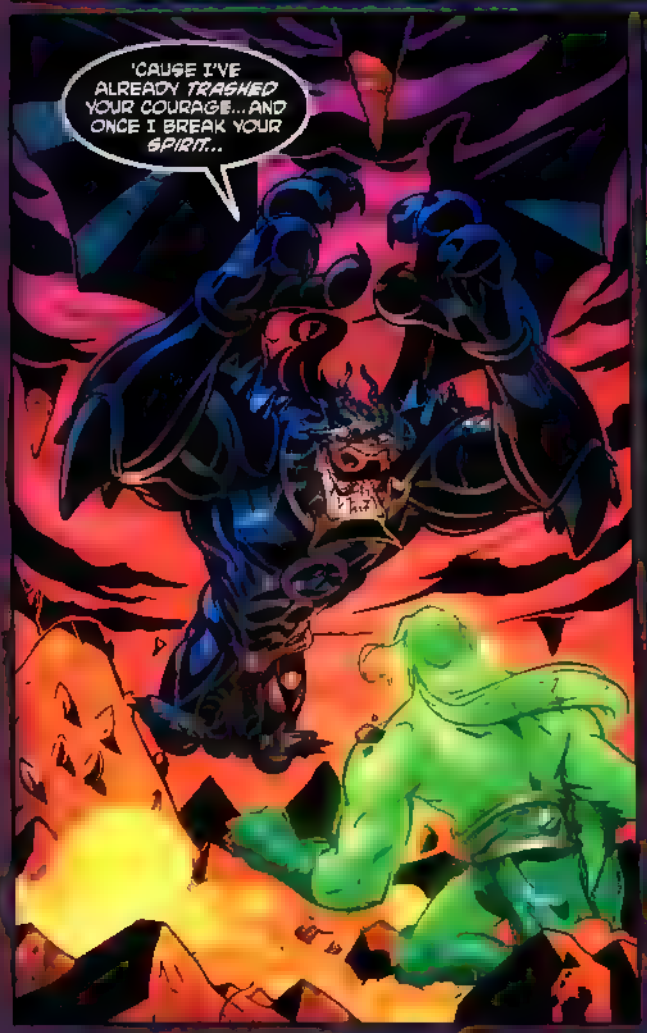
SHRRAK!!
GIVE IT UP, SNOT! YOU'VE LOST! YOU DON'T HAVE THE POW--
SGRK!!
I'VE POWER ENOUGH TO END YOUR EVIL, VILLAIN!
WHOOOSSH
TO UTTERLY DESTROY YOU---
--AND ALL THE TENTACLES OF YOUR CANCEROUS CAMPAIGN!!
CHOOOM!!
BOOOM!!

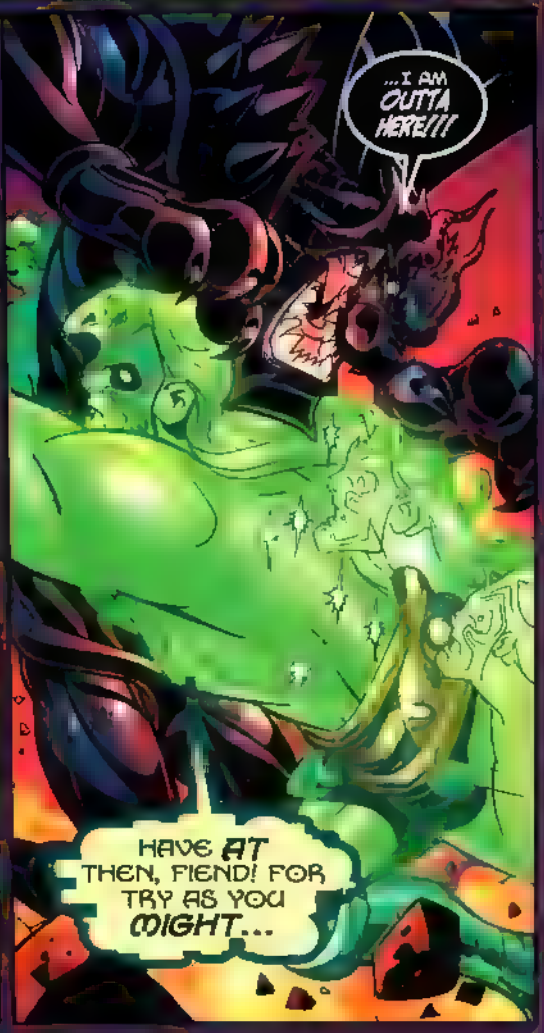
MASTER, COMMANDER-- I WILL FERRY YOU FROM THIS FLOATING ROCK. YOU--
YOU ARE SAD.
MY FRIEND. HE WAS
is there anything you can do ?
MY POWER ONLY EXTENDS TO THE LAWS OF THE LIGHT...
HIS LIGHT IS GONE.
I'M SORRY. I AM CONFUSED. MY POWER...MY FORM... IS NOT COMPLETE. I AM HALF OF--
--EH?
COULD BE THAT THE DARKNESS STILL STIRS?
KRK
CHACK
TKK

HOW CAN YOU BE SO FREAKIN' STUPID?!?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THIS PLACE IS...?!
WHAT YOU ARE?!
KRAK!
UNGH!
DON'T YOU SEE??!!
HUNGHH!
rio

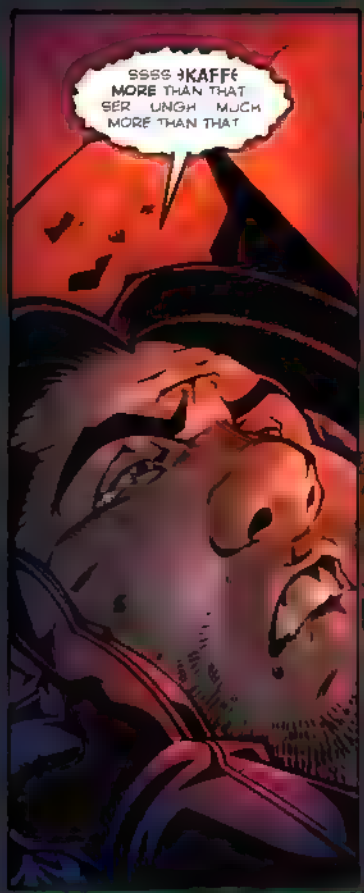
NO, YOU DON'T SEE, DO YOU...?
KROOOMMMMM!

BUT I DO... AND THAT'S MY ADVANTAGE...
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE...WHAT YOU ARE...
AND THAT'S MY WAY OUT OF HERE...

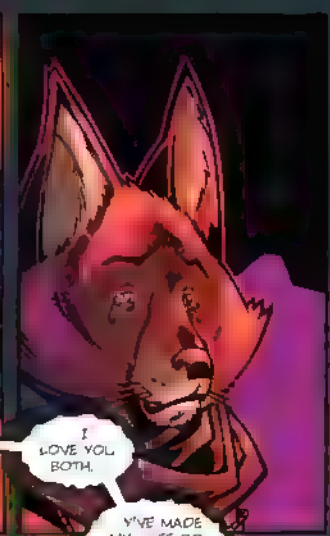

'CAUSE I'VE ALREADY TRASHED YOUR COURAGE...AND ONCE I BREAK YOUR SPIRIT...


...I AM OUTTA HERE!!!
HAVE AT THEN, FIEND! FOR TRY AS YOU MIGHT...

"...YOU'LL FIND THIS SPIRIT DIFFICULT TO BREAK!"
HAWKE!!
DON'T TRY TO MOVE, BUDDY-- THERE YA GO
OH HAWKE! OH GODS I-- WHAT DO WE--
HEY GUYSSS I THINK ISS MPORTN TA POIN OUT ƆKAFFE THAT MAL'SUR GUY CN SHOOT BOL'SA MAGIK ENERGY ƆKAFF KAFFE OUTTA 'IS EYES
Y'KNOW. FR FUTURE REFRENCE
GUESS HIS SECRET WEAPON WS BETTER'N M NE
HUSH, SWEETIE HUSH
STAY STILL STAY QUIET YOU RE GONNA BE F NE YOU'RE GONNA.
GONNA
ƆE
I ƆKAFFE LOVE YOU, SERRA WAND YOU T'SEE THAT I
THIS S IT? TH S IS THE SECRET YOU THOUGHT WOULD CHANGE THE WAY I FEEL FOR YOU?
DON'T YOU KNOW, HAWKE. THAT I LOVE YOU FOR THE PERSON INSIDE...? NOT THE PACKAGE T COMES N! SO WHAT IF YOU HAVE W NGS ?


SSSS ƆKAFFE MORE THAN THAT SER UNGH MUCH MORE THAN THAT

I LOVE YOU, SERRA


I LOVE YOU BOTH.

Y'VE MADE MY LIFE SO HAPPY ƆKAFFE
Y'LL A'WAYS BE IN MY HEART

KRUDDMMM!
LOOK. I TOLDJA I C'D GET TH'AM'LET T'UAREK
yeah, buddy-- you did it! you saved us a

sob!
sob!
Koj. Koj. Koj. No. Koj. No
U-JARE--
M'REA..LY DONE THS TIME PAR'NER uuuuuu
BU'WAN' YOU TO KNOW. I TH NG TOM'S RIGH'...
YOU ARE THE ONE.. SPECIAL
THE LANDS, THE CREATURES.. uuuuuuuu FAVOR YOU
YOU HAVE A DES'NY...JOB TO DO FIN' THE OTHER.. STOP TH' DARKNESS.
" USE TH'AM'LET TOGETHER...uuuuuu. TO BEAT MMMMALESUR..."

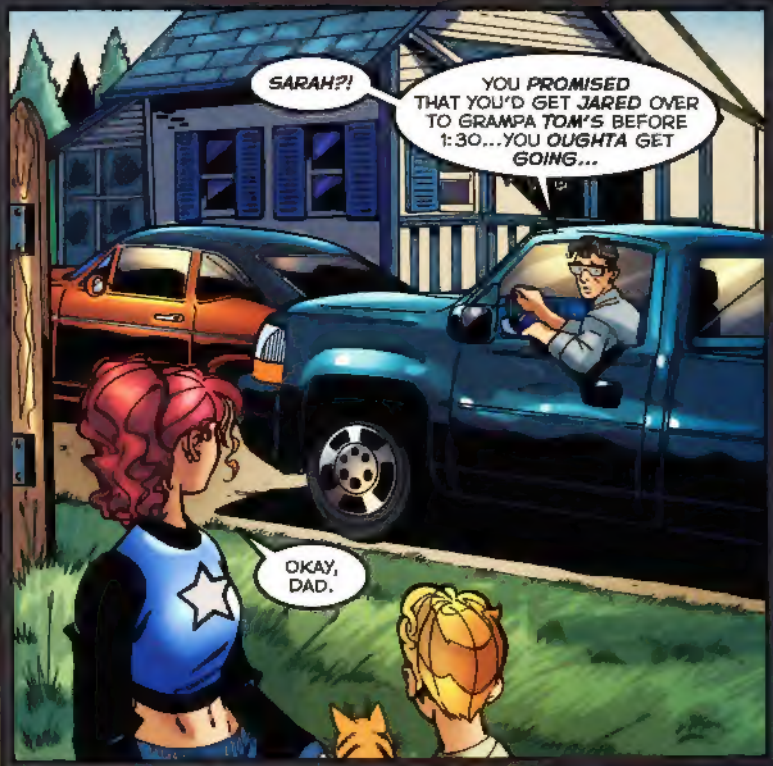
NO! I HATE IT!! I HATE THIS STUPID AMULET!!
I WISH WE'D NEVER FOUND 'T! I WISH TH NGS WERE THE WAY THEY USTA BE!
WE WERE HAPPY!! AN' NO ONE GOT HURT!
AND YOU WOULDN'T BE
shhhhhh YOU ARE MORE THN YOU KNOW
I LOVE YOU JAREK CAN'T REMBER NOT BE N WTH YOU
..ggggg-- I WLL A'WAYSSSSS BE.. WTH YOU
BU THU SII !!--
NO, KOJ.
NO, BUDDY STAY WITH ME
DON'T LEAVE ME...
"DON'T LEAVE ME."

...DON'T LEAVE ME..
..PLEASE.. I...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU. .
THIS IS ROBERT ADAMS. HE HAS BEEN HERE FOR ALMOST A MONTH NOW, SITTING, PRAYING, VIGILANT AT HIS SON'S BEDSIDE...
THREE YEARS AGO HE BURIED HIS WIFE. THREE WEEKS AGO, HIS DAUGHTER.
JARED IS ALL HE HAS LEFT.
HE'S FILLED HIS ROOM WITH FAVORITE THINGS AND HAPPY MEMORIES. HE TALKS TO HIM, SINGS TO HIM, READS TO HIM...
AND HE PRAYS.
PRAYS FOR HIS BOY TO RETURN FROM WHEREVER IT IS HE'S GONE TO...
KO-O OJ?!

KOJ?
WHERE'D YOU GO TO...?
THERE YOU ARE! C'MERE, YOU GOOFBALL! YOU'RE NOT S'POSED TO BE OVER HERE!
IF THAT BULLY MARK FINDS US IN HIS YARD AGAIN, HE'LL--
MEEEOOORRRRR!
HEY!
WHAT DID I TELL YOU WOULD HAPPEN TO THAT CAT IF I SAW IT IN MY YARD AGAIN?!?
YOU KICKED MY CAT!!

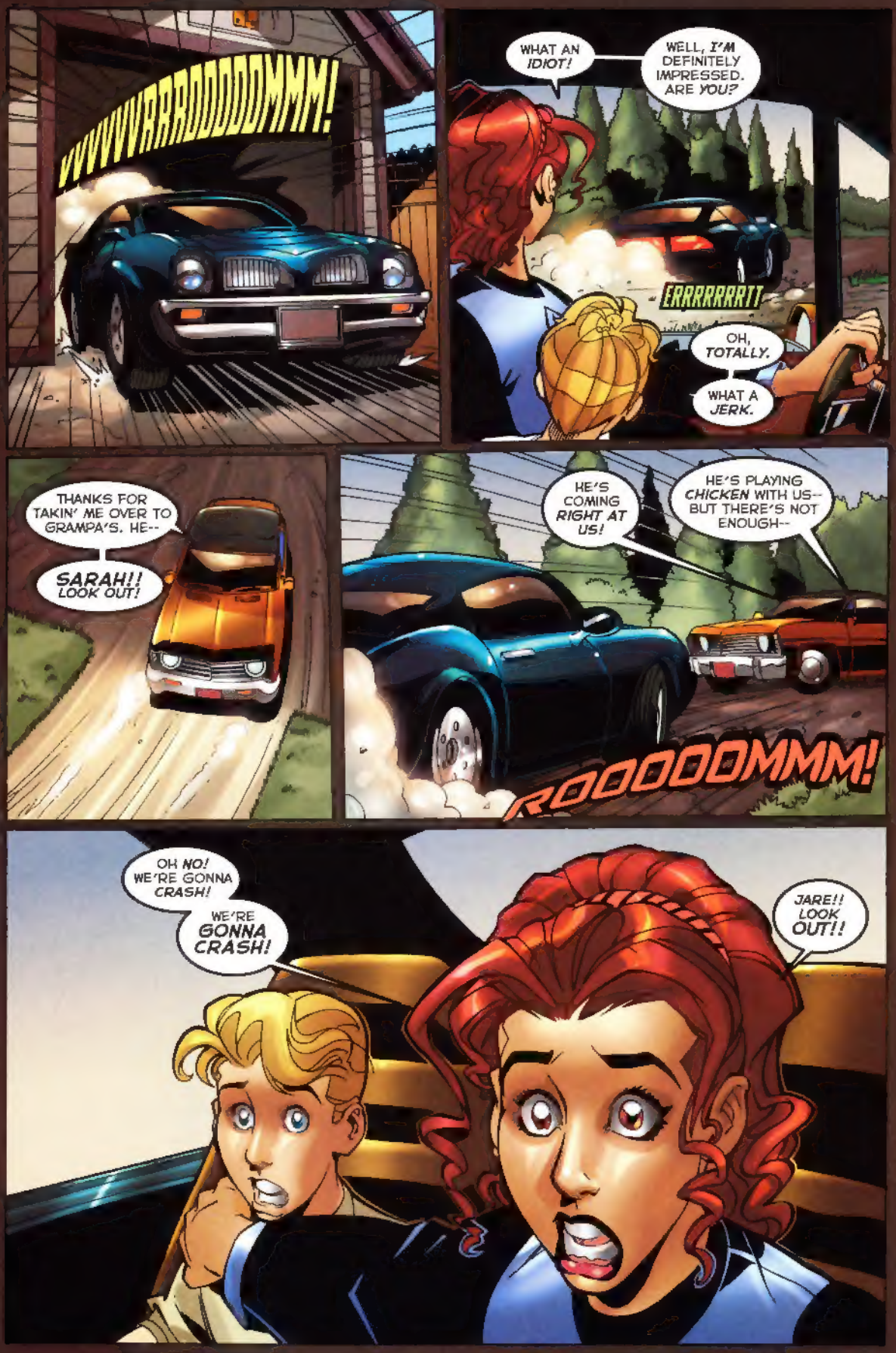
AND I'M GONNA DO A LOT WORSE TO YOU, YA LITTLE SNOT!
YOU'RE TRESSPASSING AND THAT MEANS THAT I CAN--
PUT HIM DOWN RIGHT NOW.
SARAH!
LET GO OF HIM, MARK.
HI, SARAH. YOU LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT.
HOW 'BOUT YOU AND ME WORKING OUT SOME PRISONER RELEASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE BRAT HERE...?
YEAH, RIGHT. NOT IF YOU WERE THE LAST MAN ON EARTH, SNACKY!
C'MON, SARAH--I COULD GIVE YOU--
LOOK, I DON'T SPEAK IMMATURE SLIMEBALL, GREASY CRAP-WEASEL, SO YOU'RE GONNA HAFTA HEAR IT IN ENGLISH...
...NO!
AND IF I EVER SEE YOU LAY A HAND ON MY BROTHER--OR MY CAT--AGAIN, I'LL MAKE SURE THAT THE ONLY DATE YOU HAVE EVER AGAIN IS IN COURT!

LISTEN, YOU TEASE!! I DON'T NEED YOU OR ANY--


SARAH?!
YOU PROMISED THAT YOU'D GET JARED OVER TO GRAMPA TOM'S BEFORE 1:30...YOU OUGHTA GET GOING...
OKAY, DAD.

C'MON, JARE--WE'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO.
'F' I WAS THE LAST MAN ON EARTH, YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BE ALLOWED IN LINE...

COULD HE BE A BIGGER LOSER...?
NO. I THINK HE'S MAXXED THAT POSITION OUT.



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